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SUBJECT: GDR EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH IREX

BONN ALSO PASS LITTELL

1.GDR EMBOFFS DAMP AND ELM CALLED ON CU/WE DIRECTOR STRAUS DEC 13 TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES, AND TO DISCUSS PROPOSED IREX PROGRAM OF 20 MAN-MONTHS OF RESEARCH EXCHANGES. FYI: INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGES BOARD (IREX) IS PRIVATE INSTITUTION IN NEW YORK WHICH WAS FUNDED SEVERAL YEARS AGO BY FORD FOUNDATION TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A PROGRAM. SHORTLY AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, IREX RESUBMITTED ITS OFFER TO GDR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE. END FYI.

2.DAMP INDICATED GDR DESIRED TO PROCEED WITH IREX EXCHANGES, POSSIBLY DURING SECOND SEMESTER AY 1974/75 BEGINNING FEB 75. DRAFT "AGREEMENT" SUBMITTED BY IREX NOW BEING STUDIED BERLIN BUT APPEAR GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. DAMP DESIRED DEPT APPROVAL OF IREX EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND FIRST SUGGESTED THEY BE CONDUCTED UNDER UMBRELLA EXCHANGE OF NOTES. STRAUS INDICATED WE SEE NO NEED SUCH FORMAL EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS AND SAID USG
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WOULD PREFER SIMPLE LETTER IN WHICH USG WOULD STATE THAT

IREX FAVORABLY KNOWN AND THAT DEPT HAD NO OBJECTION TO EX-
CHANGE.

3.DAMP, WHO IS RETURNING BERLIN FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION,
UNDERTOOK PRESENT THIS VIEW IN BERLIN AND BE IN TOUCH EITH-
ER AFTER HIS RETURN OR THROUGH ELM IF EARLIER EXCHANGE
OF LETTERS DESIRED.

4.ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT WAS CORRECT AND CORDIAL. KISSINGER

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